

REMARKS

Claims 1- 20 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 11, 17 and 20 are amended. Support for the features added in the independent claims can be found in Applicants' Figs. 5 and 6, and the corresponding description in the specification, for example.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-8 and 14-16.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and has been amended responsive to the rejection. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 9-11, 17 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Long, U.S. Patent No. 3,881,426. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Long fails to disclose a roller mechanism with a lifting mechanism attached to the body such that the body is selectively rotatable relative to the lifting mechanism and a load when the load is placed on the roller mechanism, as recited in claim 1.

Long discloses a transport unit 24 with a main frame 36 that supports a load (doffing units 26, 27) when the load is placed on the transport unit 24. When the main frame 36 and the carriage frame 35 (alleged body) are lifted upwardly as illustrated in Fig. 7, the main frame 36 (carrying the doffing units 26, 27) and the carriage frame 35 can rotate with respect to the turntable 48 (part of the alleged lifting mechanism) (col. 8, lines 13-18).

However, when the transport unit 24 is placed in the position illustrated in Fig. 7, the carriage frame 35 and the main frame 36 are not selectively rotatable relative to the doffing units 26, 27. Accordingly, Long fails to disclose a lifting mechanism attached to the carriage frame 35 and the main frame 36 such that the carriage frame 35 and the main frame 36 are selectively rotatable relative to the lifting mechanism and the doffing units 26, 27 when the doffing units 26, 27 are placed on the transport unit 24. Long thus fails to disclose a lifting

mechanism attached to a body as recited in claim 1. For reasons similar to claim 1, Long fails to disclose the lifting mechanism of claims 11 and 17 and the rotating step of claim 20.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 3, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Long in view of Gerkey et al. (Gerkey), U.S. Patent No. 4,200,424, and claims 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Long in view of Johnson, U.S. Patent No. 5,151,004. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Gerkey and Johnson fail to overcome the deficiencies of Long as applied to claims 1, 11, 17 and 20. It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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